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SUBJECT: KUWAIT FINANCE MINISTER MAY BE COMING TO CAIRO: ARAB
AID EFFORT

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1. KUWAIT EMBOFF TELLS US THAT MINFIN ATEEQI IS DUE
IN CAIRO ON FEBRUARY 18 FOR WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A VISIT
THAT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME. ATEEQI WILL BE
HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, FOR TALKS WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS.

2. SOURCE, FIRST SECRETARY MOUNIRA AL BADER,
WHO IS ATTACHED TO ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY COUNCIL IN
ADDITION TO HER EMBASSY DUTIES, WAS NOT VERY FORTHCOMING
WITH DETAILS FOR THE VISIT. SHE WAS NOT VERY
ENTHUSIASTIC OVER EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC PROSPECTS EITHER,
AND TO THIS EXTENT APPEARS TO REFLECT THE VIEWS OF HER
GOVERNMENT AS UNDERSTOOD HERE.

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3. COMMENT. SAUDI EMBASSY HERE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SAG
HAS UNDERTAKEN AN EFFORT TO RAISE ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR
EGYPT. WE ARE TOLD THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO KUWAIT
FONMIN SAUD STRESSED POLITICAL NATURE OF EGYPTIAN PROBLEM,
MAKING POINT THAT ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ARE TEMPORARILY
SECONDARY. SAUDIS ARE REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING A DIRECT

CONTRIBUTION OF THEIR OWN IN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO, AMOUNT
UNSPECIFIED, TO KEEP SADAT AFLOAT PENDING LARGER, CONCERTED
ARAB PACKAGE.

4. KUWAITIS ARE REPORTEDLY THE MOST RELUCTANT OF THE
POTENTIAL ARAB DONORS, AND ATEEQI MAY BE COMING HERE
TO REITERATE HIS RESERVATIONS OVER MONEY WITHOUT REFORMS.
HIS VIEWS ARE GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS RELATIVELY NEGATIVE WHERE
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT IS CONCERNED, BUT HE COULD BE INTERESTED
IN A PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND HOW GOE TENDS
TO DEAL WITH IT. WE NOTE FROM REF B THAT SAUDI DEPMINFIN AL
FURKI WILL BE HERE AT THE SAME TIME, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE A
COINCIDENCE.

5. AN INDICATION OF ATEEQI'S ATTITUDE CAN BE FOUND IN HIS
RESPONSE TO THE CHASE EFFORT TO OBTAIN A KUWAITI GUARANTEE FOR
THE GODE-GUARANTEED LOAN (REFTEL) WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED TO US
AS "EXPLOSIVELY NEGATIVE."

6. COMMENTS FROM EMBASSY KUWAIT ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE
APPRECIATED.

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